

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: ASMARA SIT REP

REF ASMARA 1008

1. ON 2 JAN 75 AT APPROX 0230 HRS ASMARA WAS SHAKEN BY A SERIES OF FOUR EXPLOSIONS FOLLOWED BY ABOUT 20-30 MINUTES OF AUTOMATIC GUNFIRE. THE EXPLOSIONS WERE SCATTERED ON THE PERIPHERY OF ASMARA. RELIABLE SOURCES REPORT THAT SOME OF THE EXPLOSIONS WERE DIRECTED AT IBTE MICROWAVE RELAY STATIONS. IBTE REPORTS NO DAMAGE TO THEIR INSTALLATIONS. A RELIABLE SOURCE STATES THAT ELF/PLF HAD TAKEN UP POSITIONS AROUND ASMARA AT 2000 HRS ON 1 JAN. FOLLOWING THE EXPLOSIONS ARMY PERSONNEL CARRIERS AND TRUCKS WERE HEARD MOVING THRU THE STREETS.

COMMENT: IN THE EVENT FUTURE ATTACKS AGAINST IBTE INSTALLATIONS ARE SUCCESSFUL, CONGEN TRAFFICE SHOULD BE ROUTED THRU NAVCOMMUNIT.

2. ARMED FORCES PATROLS WERE WITHDRAWN FROM THE STREETS OF ASMARA ON 30 DEC. THE POLICE ARE ONCE AGAIN RESPONSIBLE FOR ASMARA SECURITY.

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3. MESSENGERS FROM THE COMMITTEE OF 38 WERE DISPATCHED TO THE  
ELF/PLF ON 1 JAN TO REQUEST A CEASEFIRE. STUDENT GROUPS REFUSED  
TO NAME REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMITTEE.  
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